

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 were presented for examination and were pending in this application. In the latest Office Action, claims 1-20 were rejected. With this amendment, claims 1, 2, 11, and 12 are amended, claims 6-10 and 16-20 are canceled, and new claims 21-26 are added. On the basis of the following remarks, consideration of this application and allowance of all pending claims are requested.

The claims have been rejected as anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0103027 to Rowe et al. or as made obvious by Rowe in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,918,828 to Horikawa. The claims have been amended as described below; thus, these rejected are now moot.

Each of the independent claims have been amended to recite that the casino business data, which can be transmitted between a host server and a handheld computing device for various purposes, “include[es] at least one of data related to a rotation of a drop box for a gaming machine and data related to a hopper fill for a gaming machine.” New claims have been added to recite the further dependent features that the casino business data includes an identifier associated with a drop box installed at a selected gaming machine, hopper fill information about a selected gaming machine, or an authorization for a casino employee to perform a hopper fill at a selected gaming machine. These claim amendments are described in the specification, for example, at pages 26, 27, and 30-34. These features are not described in the references cited in the previous Office Action.

Based on the foregoing, the application is in condition for allowance of all claims, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If the examiner believes for any reason direct

contact would help advance the prosecution of this case to allowance, the examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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